

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. - 20. (Canceled)
21. (Currently Amended) A An alarm clock comprising:
a display configured to display a passage of time;
a photosensitive cell configured to sense changes in an amount of light
in a room; and
a controller configured to receive information from the photosensitive
cell, wherein the controller provides an auditory cue upon a change in the amount of
light if an alarm configured to provide the auditory cue has not been activated.
22. (Previously Presented) The clock of Claim 21, further comprising a
speaker configured to provide the auditory cue.
23. (Previously Presented) The clock of Claim 21, further comprising a
memory configured to send and receive information from the controller.
24. (Previously Presented) The clock of Claim 23, wherein the memory is
programmable.
25. (Previously Presented) The clock of Claim 24, wherein the memory is
configured to receive information from the controller regarding conditions of light
intensity.
26. (Previously Presented) The clock of Claim 21, further comprising a
switch configured to activate an alarm.
27. (Previously Presented) The clock of Claim 26, further comprising a
shutoff configured to deactivate the alarm.

28. (Previously Presented) The clock of Claim 21, further comprising a transceiver configured to send a signal, wherein the signal contains a message.

29. (Previously Presented) The clock of Claim 28, wherein the transceiver is configured to send the signal by a telecommunication line.

30. (Currently Amended) An alarm ~~The clock of Claim 21 comprising:~~
a display configured to display a passage of time;
a photosensitive cell configured to sense changes in an amount of light
in a room; and
a controller configured to receive information from the photosensitive
cell, wherein the controller further provides a visual cue upon a change in the
amount of light in a room if an alarm configured to provide the visual cue has not
been activated.

31. (Currently Amended) An apparatus configured to sense changes in light intensity comprising:
a photosensitive cell configured to sense changes in an amount of light in a room; and
a controller configured to receive information from the photosensitive cell, wherein the controller provides an auditory or visual cue upon a change in the amount of light; and
a transceiver configured to send a wireless signal to another
apparatus, wherein the wireless signal contains a message.

32. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of Claim 31, further comprising a speaker configured to provide the auditory cue.

33. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of Claim 31, further comprising a memory configured to send and receive information from the controller.

34. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of Claim 33, wherein the memory is programmable.

35. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of Claim 34, wherein the memory is configured to receive information from the controller regarding conditions of light intensity.

36. (Canceled).

37. (Canceled).

38. (Currently Amended) An alarm clock comprising:
a display configured to display a passage of time;
a switch configured to activate an alarm;
a shutoff configured to deactivate the alarm;
a photosensitive cell configured to sense changes in an amount of light in a room;
a controller configured to receive information from the photosensitive cell, wherein the controller provides an auditory cue or visual cue upon a change in the amount of light if the alarm has not been activated;-
a speaker and or light configured to provide the auditory or visual cue;
and
a programmable memory configured to send and receive information from the controller;
~~a switch configured to activate an alarm; and~~
~~a shutoff configured to deactivate the alarm.~~

39. (Previously Presented) The clock of Claim 38, further comprising a transceiver configured to send a signal, wherein the signal contains a message.

40. (Previously Presented) The clock of Claim 39, wherein the transceiver is configured to send the signal by a telecommunication line.

41. (New) The clock of Claim 21, further comprising a transceiver configured to send a wireless signal to another apparatus, wherein the wireless signal contains a message.

42. (New) The clock of Claim 38, further comprising a transceiver configured to send a wireless signal to another apparatus, wherein the wireless signal contains a message.